despite the negotiation peace process initiated by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) It would not be in public interest to divulge the details of talks with the NSCN(I/M) at this stage.

(b) The Government is committed to restoration of peace and has extended an invitation to all those who have strayed from the paths of togetherness to come forward for talks within the four corners of our Constitution. Besides the NSCN(I/M), the Government has also declared suspension of operations against the "Bodo Liberation Tiger'. The NSCN(K) has also declared a Cease Fire with security forces.

(c) Steps taken by the Government to combat militancy in the North East include, *inter-alia,* deployment of Central Para Military Forces and Army; improved coordination and sharing of intelligence between the security forces; modernisation/upgradation of State Police forces; reimbursement of security related expenditure; sanction of Special Central Assistance to the State Governments; declaration of the most seriously affected areas as "disturbed areas' and notification of the major insurgent groups as unlawful associations'. The situation is also kept under watch and is reviewed from time to time for taking appropriate action.

Citizenship for Pak nationals

3434. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider to give citizenship to the Pak nationals who are staying with their families in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of such people staying in the Kerala and the average age of such persons; and

(d) whether Government would give them citizenship after considering the age and health condition of such people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Applications for the grant of Indian

citizenship would be considered by the Government of India in accordance with the provisions of the Citizenship Act, 1955.

(c) and (d) As per available information, 311 citizens of Pakistan, most of who are aged 55 years or above, are staying in Kerala. The application of each such individual, as and when received, would be considered on merits and in accordance with the provisions of the Citizenship Act, 1955.

Show-cause notice to NGOs

3435. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have been given show cause notices to twenty five NGOs which are going foreign aid;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what actions are being taken against such NGOs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Thirteen NGOs covered under the provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 were asked, *inter-alia,* to show cause why they should not be brought under section 5(1) of the said Act and required to seek prior permission of the Central Government before accepting any foreign contribution for having violated the provisions of the FCRA.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

Harassment of north Cachar hill people

3436. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the innocent people of North Cachar hill district of Assam, are being harassed by the army and para-military forces in the name of operation of counter insurgency in the region;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any action plan to avoid the harassment of innocent general public by army and other forces in the course of operation in the area; and

(c) the details of the extremists nabbed by army and paramilitary forces in the aforesaid area for last one year and till date, group-wise and date-wise?

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